

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	P	Y	Y		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	Y		
John Taylor	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
 Julia Miller, Village Trustee
 Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee

2. Approval of the October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to approve the October 8, 2015 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported she has shared some pictures of Germantown Hills with the talent attraction team at the Greater Peoria EDC on a marketing campaign called Live GP. This is to highlight our communities.

There is a meet and greet on January 19th from 8-10 at the Flame in Metamora to meet Ryan Spain who is running for David Leitch's seat.

The Germantown Hills Middle School is taking bids in February for their expansion.

Ann reviewed the current commercial vacancies within the Village and Nena's is looking to update the Germantown Crossing sign. Rich Brecklin noted they are hopeful that more trees can be removed along Route 116 to increase the visibility of the shopping center.

4. Enterprise Zone Update

Ann reported the enterprise zone was certified and is in effect as of January 1, 2016. The zone representatives are finalizing the enterprise application. The Zone Administrator will be from Tazewell County. Woodford County is working on putting a layer for the enterprise zone onto the GIS mapping site showing our properties in the enterprise zone. This feature should be available soon.

5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

The library's architect Dewberry has completed the construction documents. The announcement for bid letting has been advertised in the Peoria Journal Star. The pre-bid conference has been scheduled for January 21, 2016 at the Germantown Hills fire department meeting room. The bids are due at the Metamora library on February 4, 2016.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

Veronica Axelson gave the Chamber update. The Chamber meeting is on January 21st at the Monte Cristo Room and the Chamber social with Metamora is on January 27th. The Chamber is still working on finalizing their new website.

The committee discussed the Chamber's pork chop event and the St. Jude Bags event that both will be happening in May.

7. Road Infrastructure Update

Rich Brecklin stated the Anker Lane road work will begin again in the spring.

8. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on a Façade Improvement Program and application process

The committee discussed the application and façade grant program information and agreed recommending the start date of May 1st. The Village board will need to determine each year if there are funds available in the budget for a façade grant and how many will be available.

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to recommend to the Village board the façade improvement program and application process up to a \$5,000 matching grant. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

9. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Amy DeFreitas reported the Metamora Township High School is doing a building project. This will be on the referendum in March. A grassroots campaign, known as 'the Citizens for MTHS', has come together to inform the community of the building project.

Melissa Heil stated she would like to see what can be done to require more properties to

annex into the Village if they are surrounded. She feels the Village is missing out on receiving taxes on some properties that are getting some Village services without being in the Village.

10. Next Meeting- February 11, 2016 5:00 p.m.

The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk